

## **Traumatic Brain Injury Fund Advisory Committee Meeting**

*March 26, 2012  
Disability Law Center  
205 North 400 West  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103  
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm*

### MINUTES

#### Committee Members Present:

Sarah Sanders, Nita Smith, Ron Roskos, Eileen Maloney, via phone: Natalie Whatcott, Liz Baker, Sue Dubois, Trisha Keller, and Missi Leak

#### Committee Members Excused:

Ann Russo

#### UDOH Support Staff:

Whitney Johnson

#### Welcome & Introductions:

- Sarah welcomed the Committee.

#### Approval of January Minutes:

- Minutes were approved by the committee.

#### Update on Tasks:

- **TASK:** Committee members to submit at least one person either TBI Survivor or professional to Trisha. (That way we can have a back-up list for the future).
  - Committee still needs to do this.

#### Update on Joint Sustainability Efforts with UBIC Members:

- Students have lined up several retailers.
- They have also connected with some high schools that are interested in doing awareness fundraising project next school year.

#### Priorities & Next Steps:

##### **Priorities:**

1. More People (Statewide/Waiting List).
  - It doesn't depend on the how much funding we get this session, just go statewide with it to spend it all within the year, doing the resource facilitation.
  - Work with city and towns for mental health.
2. Reach them faster (intervene earlier) – printed materials on site and mailed ASAP (UDOH does not get the data until the end of the year – send materials then).

- The committee to create materials.
  - 3. Training Professionals.
    - Identify who to train.
      - National Brain Injury Specialist
    - Find who will do the training.
  - 4. Prevention Education.
    - Areas that will always be ongoing for the Fund:
- \*Resource Facilitation – Wasatch Front.
- \*Evaluations paid for (Access further resources).

### **Discussion:**

- Open up the resource facilitation Statewide.
  - Nita suggested that we make one model of resource facilitation, and then put bids out for vendors to work around this model.
    - Nita and Ron to write up this Model and give to the UDOH.
- Nita looked online at other State's TBI Fund, more specifically at those that do Resource Facilitation.
  - A lot of them rely on technology for the Resource Facilitation.
  - We may want to build this in to what we would like to do.
  - This would be for those who live in more rural areas.
- We can go one more year with our existing contractors before we have to open it up for bid again.
- Currently the advertising has been local and not statewide.
- We can work with the Association of Cities and Counties.
  - We can take information on Resource Facilitation to Counties.
- TBI Partnership Grant will do some media for the Fund.
- Demand on the training portion.
- Our already existing contracts could train people.
  - Idea to have a conference.
- We will need to decide how much funding is needed to train other agencies.
- If we group people together, it will be less expensive.
- In order to get certification, professionals have to spend at least 10 hours a week with people with brain injuries.
- Train specialists in rural areas to be the main contacts.
- Trisha asked if the contractors will be able to spend that money in a year.
- The funding begins July 1, 2012, and ends June 30, 2013.
- The committee thinks that an approximate cost for Outreach would be \$20,000.
  - Pay for training and materials, not a Stipend to the agencies.
- \$50,000 - \$60,000 at least for Resource Facilitation.
- Need to also consider Neuro Psych Exams.
- State Office of Veteran Affairs has a rotating outreach program that they take to all the rural areas, looking for brain injury veterans in particular.
  - We can send information with them.
- Phoenix Services has four staff that can train.

- BIAU and Phoenix Services communicate frequently about clients to make sure they are not duplicating efforts.
- Breakdown of Fund:
  - \$50,000 – Resource Facilitation (include Neuro Psychs).
  - \$20,000 – Current Contractors (include training of agencies).
  - \$10,000 – National Certification (CBIS Trainers– Nita Smith & Mary Ann Cummings are the only two certified trainers in Utah).
  - \$20,000 – Outreach and Early Intervention Efforts.
- Ron, Linda, Carrie, and Nita to meet and determine the amount delegated between the two contractors. Then they will give these amounts to the UDOH.
- PHD Psychologist (Dr. Kyle Elder) that covers Neuro Psych Exams in the four corners area.
  - Sarah to get more information to Ron/Nita about Dr. Elder.
  - Make sure that our contacts know about brain injury.
- Rep. Litvack would like a special project with the juvenile justice facilities he worked in.
  - They are still talking about this.

Other Items:

- A Bill was passed for people ongoing funding for TBI and SCI Treatment.
  - The bill was funded for \$200,000.
- Concern about meeting time was brought up.
  - TASK: Missi to send out a doodle calendar to see if later times would work better.
  - Discuss at the May meeting.
- BIAU is having their annual art show on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 2012 Meeting Schedule:
  - May 10, 2012 from 10:00-11:30p, CHB Room 132
  - July 12, 2012 from 10:00-11:30p, CHB Room 128
  - September 13, 2012 from 10:00-11:30p, CHB Room 128
  - November 8, 2012 from 10:00-11:30p, CHB Room 128

Next Scheduled Meeting  
 May 10, 2012  
 Utah Department of Health  
 10:00 – 11:30 AM  
 Room 132  
 (Conference Line: # 801-521-3615)